

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, and 14-15 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-12, and 14-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maul et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,327,838). Claims 3 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maul in view of Shirk et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,056,314). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Examiner's attention is directed toward amended independent Claims 1 and 6. These claims have been amended to include the limitation that the ram has an exterior periphery which corresponds to an interior periphery of the cover. This limitation is present in previously presented Claim 11. Applicant notes that neither the Maul or Shirk reference teach this limitation.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

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Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (586) 726-3905.

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